

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2003

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 7:31 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by MAYOR RAUCH.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR RAUCH led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

City Council Members Present: Addleman, Mitchell, Rauch, Seamans, Zuckerman

City Staff Present: City Manager Doug Prichard

City Attorney Richard Terzian

Assistant City Manager Sam Wise

Planning Director David Wahba

Finance Director Jud Norrell

Community Services Director Andy Clark

Others Present: Richard Somers, Planning Commission

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

NONE

ROUTINE MATTERS

A. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2003

MAYOR RAUCH requested an addition on Page 4, Paragraph 3 to read:

"COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS suggested an amendment to the Pepper Tree Foundation Bylaws setting a monetary limit requiring the Board of Directors' approval for expenditure of funds."

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2003 AS AMENDED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

B. DEMANDS AND WARRANTS – MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO APPROVE WARRANTS 33188 THROUGH 33233 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,620.46; SUPPLEMENTAL WARRANTS 010301 THROUGH 010303; 33033 THROUGH 33046; 33100 THROUGH 33144; 33172 THROUGH 33179 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$272,904.20 FOR A GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT

OF \$353,524.66 WITH PROPER AUDIT.

AYES:Addleman, Mitchell, Rauch, Seamans, Zuckerman

CONSENT CALENDAR

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO APPROVE ITEMS A-D.

A.READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

APPROVED.

B.JPIA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the application of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District for membership in the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority.

APPROVED THE APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

C.LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED JANUARY 24, 2003

RECEIVED AND FILED.

D.LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED JANUARY 31, 2003

RECEIVED AND FILED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

NEW BUSINESS

A.PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES – MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2003

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL suggested including discussion with respect to clarification of variances in the Planning Commission Minutes.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2003 WITH VARIANCE FINDINGS BEING REFLECTED IN FUTURE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES AT THE PLANNING DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M. TO PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION CORPORATION MEETING

B.ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Recommendation: That the Pepper Tree Foundation Board of Directors elect officers as listed in the staff report.

Community Services Director Clark provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO APPROVE THE PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

AYES:Addleman, Mitchell, Rauch, Seamans, Zuckerman

RECONVENED AT 7:42 P.M. TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

C.FISCAL YEAR 2002-03 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Mid-Year Budget Report and direct staff to prepare Budget Amendment No. 2 for consideration at the March 25, 2003 Council meeting.

Finance Director Norrell provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

MAYOR RAUCH commended Finance Director Norrell on another thorough and professional report.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS expressed her strong desire to move forward with a specific plan along Deep Valley Drive due to a proposal coming before the City. Additionally, MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL noted it was her request to withhold funding for the Deep Valley Streetscape Project in order to evaluate future improvements.

After extensive discussion, MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL suggested deferring discussion on this item to the Policy Development Session.

City Manager Prichard recommended that the Mixed Use Committee meet prior to the Policy Development Session.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE AND DEFER DISCUSSION REGARDING MIXED-USE, THE SPECIFIC PLAN AND FUNDING PRIORITIES TO THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT SESSION.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA/WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A.Jeff Ealey, South Bay Energy Rewards Program, distributed information explaining this program which includes: 1) A rebate discount coupon for residents; 2) General educational program for the community; and 3) Special rebate for multi-family dwellings. He asked the City to promote participation as future funding levels would depend on the success of this program. Additionally, he announced that the Home Expo at the Galleria will be giving away florescent bulbs to residents providing their Southern California Edison Identification Number.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS

A.CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 01-03; ADOPTION BY REFERENCE (WITH AMENDMENTS) OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING AND SAFETY

CODES; LOCATION: CITY-WIDE

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Continue to take public testimony; 2) Discuss the issues; 3) Close the public hearing; and 4) Adopt Ordinance Nos. 622, 623, 624 and 625.

No public testimony was offered.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL

TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

1.ORDINANCE NO. 622 FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES AMENDING THE ROLLING HILLS ESTATES MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE AS AMENDED AND MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 622.

City Manager Prichard read Ordinance No. 622 by title only.

AYES:Addleman, Mitchell, Rauch, Seamans, Zuckerman

2.ORDINANCE NO. 623 FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES AMENDING THE ROLLING HILLS ESTATES MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MECHANICAL CODE AS AMENDED AND MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 623.

City Manager Prichard read Ordinance No. 623 by title only.

AYES:Addleman, Mitchell, Rauch, Seamans, Zuckerman

3.ORDINANCE NO. 624 FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES AMENDING THE ROLLING HILLS ESTATES MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLUMBING CODE AS AMENDED AND MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 624.

City Manager Prichard read Ordinance No. 624 by title only.

AYES:Addleman, Mitchell, Rauch, Seamans, Zuckerman

4.ORDINANCE NO. 625 FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES AMENDING THE ROLLING HILLS ESTATES MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE LOS ANGELES

COUNTY BUILDING CODE AS AMENDED AND MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 625.

City Manager Prichard read Ordinance No. 625 by title only.

AYES:Addleman, Mitchell, Rauch, Seamans, Zuckerman

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

NONE

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS

Brief discussion took place regarding listing the various committees on which the COUNCIL serves.

ACTIVE COMMITTEES

Americans with Disabilities Act

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN reported that he attended this meeting, along with MAYOR RAUCH, Community Services Director Clark, and V2C Group to update the ADA Transition Plan and submit it to the COUNCIL at their Policy Development Session on March 8.

California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines

Nothing to report at this time.

County Golf Course

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN noted that a request has been made to the Sanitation Districts for presentation to the Regional Quality Control Board copying the City with any violations that have occurred.

Mixed-Use

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL reported that a meeting took place with discussion being referred to the Policy Development Session.

Municipal Stables Design

Nothing to report at this time.

Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority

Nothing to report at this time.

Reuse (Chandler and Golf Course)

Nothing to report at this time.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS

A.MAYOR RAUCH

1.PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a)MAYOR RAUCH was pleased to report the appointment of Dan O'Day to the Planning Commission.

(b)MAYOR RAUCH noted that the recent Homeowners' Associations Presidents meeting was well attended and provided valuable input.

(c)MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL reported she attended the League of California Cities meeting noting that Assemblyman George Nakano will be introducing a bill that affects cities' representation on the MTA Board.

(d)MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL noted that Supervisor Knabe is asking cities to consider enacting an Anti-Gang Ordinance and suggested including this item for discussion at the Policy Development Session.

At 8:47 p.m., the CITY COUNCIL convened in closed session. At 9:27 p.m., the CITY COUNCIL reconvened in open session with MAYOR RAUCH, MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL, COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN, COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS, and COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN present.

CLOSED SESSION

A.CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property:2500 Palos Verdes Drive North

City Negotiator:Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell

Councilman Addleman

City Manager Prichard

Negotiating Parties:City and Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy

Under Negotiation:Negotiation of lease

It was the consensus of the COUNCIL

TO DIRECT STAFF TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 p.m., MAYOR RAUCH formally adjourned the City Council meeting to February 25, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Submitted by,Approved by,

Hope J. NolanDouglas R. Prichard

Deputy City ClerkCity Clerk